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SUBJ: NATO SUMMIT: PARTICIPATION OF PORTUGUESE

NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF

REF: (A) USMISSION NATO 05216; (B) LISBON 3722

1. WE HVE BEEN INFORMED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE FIRMINO MIGUEL'S OFFICE THAT NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF SOUTO CRUZ WILL ATTEND THE WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT AT PRESIDENT EANES'S REQUEST AND NOT IN PLACE OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEFENSE MINISTER'S REPLY TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN'S INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT TRANSMITTED STATE 127004. EGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATION WHICH YOU SO KINDLY ADDRESSED TO ME TO ATTEND THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 30-31. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ITEMS IN QUESTION WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST, ESPECIALLY AS FAR AS THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM IS CONCERNED FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OBJECTIVES PUT FORWARD IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT I CAN NOT ATTEND THE MEETING DUE TO UNDELAYABLE
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ENGAGEMENTS. ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED SINCERELY, MARIO FIRMINO MIGUEL, MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

3. IN LIGHT OF ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ ATTENDANCE AT EANES'S REQUEST AND AS THE RANKING PORTUGUESE NATO/DEFENSE SPECIALIST PRESENT, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND HE BE ACCORDED DEFMIN STATUS.

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